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1. Promissory Notes - Warning to Officers Endorsing Same. Reports have recently been made to the Bureau against a number of junior officers for failure to comply with their financial obligations on joint and several promissory notes. The Bureau considers it advisable to warn young officers strongly against the danger attending the indiscriminate use of their names on such notes.

Whenever a person indorses a promissory note for another he thereby assumes an obligation binding both legally and morally to become responsible for the repayment in case the principal fails to pay at the time stipulated on the note. It is only through the assumption of this responsibility on the part of the endorsers that the lender is induced to part with his money. Officers who are not willing and prepared to assume this responsibility should therefore not lend their names to such transactions.

Whenever officers give their names as personal security either as principal or indorser, on joint and several promissory notes and fail to live up to their obligations thus voluntarily assumed, the Bureau, entirely aside from the civil phase of the transaction, will investigate their conduct and take such disciplinary action as may be warranted by the conditions surrounding each individual case.

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2. Advancements in Rating. Qualifications in marks for proficiency and conduct. The phrase "Not less than 3.5" and "A mark of not less than 3.5" as used in Articles D 5107 and D 5111 of the Bureau's Manual, shall be interpreted to mean an average mark of 3.5 for the period specified. This will be clarified in the next corrected reprint of Part D of the Manual.

In the meantime advancements in rating are authorized on the basis of the interpretation herein given.

3. Extension of Enlistments - To be entered on Form N.Nav.323. In order to be legal and binding an agreement to extend an enlistment must be entered into by the man concerned with the Commanding Officer on form N.Nav.323. Agreements on any other form are of an informal and unofficial nature and, of course, could be repudiated or withdrawn by the man at any time. Whenever the Bureau or the Bureau Manual uses the phrases "agreed to extend his enlistment", "enlistment as extended", etc., the legal form of agreement to extend is meant and not unofficial or personal assurances of intention to extend. It should also be noted that the latest revision of N.Nav.323 is dated October 1925. Forms with earlier dates should not be used, and the supply on hand should be destroyed.

4. HR.4547 - Additional Midshipmen at Large. HR.4547 which became a law 8 June 1926, authorizes a quota of 40 additional midshipmen at large, the appointments to be made by the President from among the sons of officers, soldiers, sailors, and marines of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps of the United States, who were killed in action or died prior to 2 July 1921 of wounds or injuries received, or diseases contracted in line of duty during the World War: Provided, that one-half shall be appointed from among the sons of officers and one-half from among the sons of warrant officers, soldiers, sailors, and marines of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps. Efforts have been made to give as wide publicity as possible to this law in order that all eligible candidates may be informed. It is quite probable, however, that only a few appointments will be made as a result of this law.

5. Government Insurance vs. Private Insurance. The United States Veterans Bureau reports that it is frequently called to the attention of their Bureau by policyholders that representations are being made to ex-service men that a more advantageous insurance contract can be given them than that offered by the Government.

Since the Government pays all cost of administration, and no additional premium is charged for the disability benefits, which is not limited as to age when disability may occur, it can be readily seen that your insurance is issued to you at actually less than cost. The Government Insurance premium rate is therefore lower than that on any insurance which may be offered to you providing equal benefits with an equal guarantee of safety.

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If an insurance contract is offered to you in lieu of your Government Insurance for your own benefit and that of everyone entitled to Government Insurance, you are advised to obtain the proposition in writing, with a specimen policy, and forward it to this Bureau. A comparative analysis will be made and a statement prepared for your information.

The above information has been received from the United States Veterans Bureau - Insurance Division, Washington, D.C. for the benefit of United States Government Life Insurance Policyholders.

6. Motion Pictures. The Bureau has purchased the following motion pictures for exhibition on Naval ships and stations taking Navy Motion Picture Service:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>STAR</u>
The Brown Derby	J.Hines - D.Kane
Puppets	M.Sills - G.Olmsted
Into Her Kingdom	Corinne Griffith
Men of Steel	M.Sills - D.Kenyon
Senor Daredevil	K.Maynard - D.Devore
Aloma of the South Seas	G.Gray - W.Baxter
Padlocked	L.Moran - N.Beery
Fine Manners	G.Swanson - E.O'Brien
The Show Off	F.Sterling - L.Wilson
Fascinating Youth	Paramount Junior Stars
Mantrap	C.Bow - P.Marmont
The Sea Wolf	R.Ince - C.Adams
Hero of the Big Snows	Rin-Tin-Tin
The Boy Friend	J.Harron - M.Day
America's Polar Triumph	Lt.Cdr.Richard Byrd, USN.
The Silver Treasure	G.O'Brien - J.Renee
More Pay - Less Work	M.Brian - C.Rogers
Sunny Side Up	V.Reynolds - E.Burns
Poker Faces	L.LaPlante - E.Horton
Laddie	J.Bowers - B.Flowers
Two Gun Man	Fred Thompson
The Son of the Sheik	Rudolph Valentino
Pals First	L.Hughes - D.del Rio
It must be Love	Colleen Moore
The Great Deception	A.Pringie - B.Lyon
The Amateur Gentleman	Richard Barthelmess
Love's Blindness	P.Starke - A.Moreno
The Temptress	G.Garbo - A.Moreno
The Old Soak	Astor - Marlow
Stella Dallas	Special Cast
The Clinging Vine	T.Moore - L.Joy
Mis-Mates	Kenyon - Baxter
The Strong Man	Harry Langdon
The Duchess of Buffalo	Constance Talmadge

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Subway Sadie	MacKaill - Mulhail
Paradise	Milton Sills
Tin Gods	Mcighan - Adoree
Neil Gwyn	Dorothy Gish
Variety	Jannings - DePutti
Diplomacy	Sweet - Hamilton
You Never Know Women	Vidor - Sherman - Brook
Ladies First	Douglas MacLean
Forlong River	Holt - Matton
The Family Upstairs	Valli-McDonald
No Man's Gold	Tom Mix
Sparrows	Mary Pickford
The Winning of Barbara Worth	Colman-Banky
The Last Frontier	Boyd - de la Motte
The Waning Sex	Garbo - Moreno
The Waltz Dream	Special Cast
Flamey	Graves - Adoree - Duval
Oh Baby	M.Kennedy-Little Billy
Take it from Me	Reginald Denny
The Prince of Tempters	Ben Lyon
Don Juan's Three Nights	Lewis Stone
Forever After	M.Astor - L.Hughes
Syncopating Sue	C.Griffith - T.Moore
Kid Boots	E.Cantor - C.Bow
The Campus Flirt	B.Daniels - C.Paddock
The Quarterback	R.Dix - E.Ralston
The Great Gatsby	W.Baxter - L.Wilson
You'd Be Surprised	R.Griffith - D.Sebastian
So's Your Old Man	W.C.Fields - A.Joyce
The Eagle of the Sea	F.Vidor - R.Cortez
The Cat's Pajamas	Betty Bronson

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